



PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 82489

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

OBAJE

Examiner: P. Lewis

Serial No.: 10/050,402

Art Unit: 1623

Filed: January 15, 2002

For: **TRANS-ACIDOLYSIS PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF
CARBOHYDRATE FATTY-ACID ESTERS**

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated January 14, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire March 14, 2004, a Sunday. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed on Monday, March 15, 2004.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the captioned application as follows.